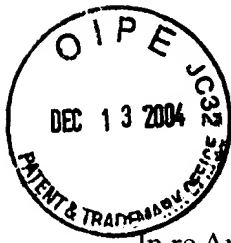


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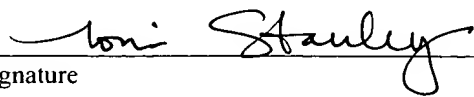
Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed September 9, 2004 having a three month shortened statutory period for response set to expire on December 9, 2004, please reconsider the rejections of the claims in view of the following remarks and amendments:

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**CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.8**

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